

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Spire       )  
Missouri Inc. for an Accounting Authority       )  
Order Concerning Its Commission                )  
Assessment for the 2019 Fiscal Year.            )

**Case No. GU-2019-0011**

**Proposed Procedural Schedule**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and on behalf of all the parties, tenders this *Proposed Procedural Schedule*, stating:

***Discovery Conditions***

1. The Parties agree to provide all workpapers, in electronic format, whenever feasible, within two business days following the date on which the related testimony is filed.

2. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly-available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or outputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format.

3. All Parties shall provide copies of testimony, schedules, exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, schedules, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties shall not be required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

4. The Parties agree as follows with respect to Data Requests:

(A) Until Rebuttal testimony is filed on October 29, 2018, the response time for all data requests shall be twenty (20) calendar days, with ten (10) calendar days to object or to notify the requesting party that more than twenty (20) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.

(B) After October 29, 2019, the response time for data requests shall be five (5) business days to provide the requested information, and three (3) business days to object or to notify the requesting party that more than five (5) business days will be needed to provide the requested information.

5. The Parties agree to the following provisions regarding discovery:

(A) Discovery conferences shall be held on one week's prior notice to all parties.

(B) Discovery conferences will be held in Room 305 at the Commission's office at the Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Each discovery conference will begin at 10:00 a.m.

(C) Not less than two (2) business days before each discovery conference, any party that has a discovery disagreement or concern involving another party shall file a brief statement describing that disagreement or concern and identifying any other parties involved. Such statement does not need to be a formal motion to compel. Any party may attend a discovery conference, but only those parties involved in an identified discovery disagreement must attend.

(D) Discovery conferences shall be on the record and shall be transcribed by a court reporter.

(E) Any pending written discovery motion may be taken up at a discovery conference and may be ruled upon by the presiding regulatory law judge either on the record, or in a written order.

(F) Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090's requirement that a party must seek a telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion is waived.

(G) All direct case data requests, subpoenas, or other discovery requests shall be issued no later than November 28, 2018. With respect to deposing a witness, so long as a notice of deposition is issued by November 28, 2018, the deposition may occur, notwithstanding that the deposition will take place after November 28, 2018, or that there could be other conditions that must be satisfied prior to the deposition.

(H) All motions to compel a response to any discovery request related to the direct case shall be filed no later than December 7, 2018. The Parties shall make an effort to resolve all discovery disputes well before the hearing; however, the Parties shall present any outstanding motions to compel to the regulatory law judge at the beginning of the hearing on December 11, 2018.

(I) The Parties shall make an effort to not include confidential information in data request questions and the Parties shall make an effort not to over-designate information as confidential. If confidential information must be included in data request questions, the confidential information should be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135. Responsibility to make this designation is upon the party claiming such. Other parties are entitled to rely on

the presence or absence of such designation.

(J) Any data requests issued by or to Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS). All data requests other than those issued by or to Staff, as well as all objections to data requests, or notifications of the need for additional time to respond, shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other counsel to be added to the certified service list and shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. If any party responds to a data request in EFIS, the response is available in EFIS to all counsel on the certified service list. Data request responses, other than responses to data requests issued by or to Staff, will be served on counsel for the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request in writing a copy of the responses from the party answering the data request; thereby providing the responding party the opportunity to object. If a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall timely be responded to, considering that the underlying data request has already been responded to.

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6. The Parties recommend that the Commission adopt the following Procedural Schedule:

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Direct Testimony (Spire)	October 1, 2018
Rebuttal Testimony (Non-Company Parties)	October 29, 2018
Surrebuttal Testimony (All Parties)	November 15, 2018
Discovery Cut-off	November 28, 2018
List of Issues, List and Order of Witnesses, Order of Opening, and Order of Cross-Examination (Staff on behalf of all Parties)	November 28, 2018
Statements of Positions (All Parties)	December 5, 2018
Evidentiary Hearing	December 11, 2018
Initial Briefs (All Parties)	December 28, 2018
Reply Briefs (All Parties)	January 11, 2019

**WHEREFORE**, Staff and the other Parties pray that the Commission will establish the Procedural Schedule as set out herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served, by hand delivery, electronic mail, or First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to all parties of record on the Service List maintained for this case by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2018.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson